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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RADICAL FUSAKO SHIGENOBU TV INTERVIEW  
ON RECENT JAL HIJACKING

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW OF FORMER  
LEADER OF JAPAN'S RED-ARMY (SEKIGUN) RADICAL FACTION  
MISS FUSAKO SHIGENOBU, DEVOTED TO RECENT JAL JUMBO JET  
HIJACKING IN MIDEAST. SHIGENOBU EXPRESSED THREAT TO  
HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET TO GAIN ANTI-IMPERIALIST OBJECTIVES.  
INTERVIEW FILMED AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN EUROPE EARLIER  
THIS MONTH BY FUJI TELEVISION CORP AND BROADCAST IN JAPAN  
AUGUST 14 ON POPULAR FUJI TV WEEKLY AFTERNOON INTERVIEW  
PROGRAM QTE MEET ME AT THREE UNQTE. INTERVIEW EMCEED BY  
FORMER SINGER-ACTRESS MRS. TOSHIKO YAMAGUCHI. END SUMMARY

1. DURING FUJI-TV INTERVIEW SHIGENOBU STATED THREAT TO  
HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET IF NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES  
BUT DECLINED TO COMMENT WHETHER SHE CONNECTED WITH RECENT  
HIJACKING ADDING THAT THIS MATTER FOR POLICE  
AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE. SHE DESCRIBED RECENT HIJACKING  
AS DEMONSTRATION OF QTE OUR DETERMINED BATTLE UNQTE NOT  
ONLY AGAINST AMERICAN AND JAPANESE IMPERIALISM BUT ALSO  
AGAINST HEARTLESS ACTS OF GOJ AGAINST PEOPLE OF NARITA AND  
MINAMATA. (NARITA IS SITE OF NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL  
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AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH DELAYED BY RADICAL STUDENTS

AND SOME FARMERS. MINAMATA IS BAY IN SOUTHERN JAPAN POLLUTED BY ORGANIC MERCURY WASTES, WHICH HAVE INCREASINGLY CAUSED DEATH AND PERMANENT DISABILITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.)

2. SHIGENOBU ADDED THAT RECENT JAL HIJACKING WAS CARRIED OUT TO WIN FREEDOM OF QTE RED ARMY (SEKIGUN) COMRADE UNQTE IMPRISONED IN ISRAEL FOR HIS PART IN TEL AVIV AIRPORT MASSACRE AND TO TAKE BACK CONDOLENCE MONEY PAID FAMILIES OF VICTIMS BY GOJ. SHE ASSERTED THAT LETTER SENT TO JAL DEMANDING PAYMENT OF YEN FOUR BILLION WAS GENUINE BUT WAS IGNORED BY GOJ.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY EMCEE, SHIGENOBU INDICATED THAT HIJACKED JAL JET LANDED AT DHUBAI ON SCHEDULE AND THAT IT WAS DESTROYED AT BENGASI BY PREARRANGED PLAN. HOWEVER, SHE SAID THAT SHE HEARD THAT REFUELING STOP AT DAMASCUS WAS NOT PRE-PLANNED.

4. SHIGENOBU SAID THAT SHE IS DETERMINED TO QTE INTENSIFY OUR STRUGGLE UNQTE AGAINST IMPERIALISTS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES SOUGHT BY QTE OUR COMRADES UNQTE IN VAIN. IN STATING THREAT TO HIJACK ANOTHER JAL JET IF NECESSARY, SHE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PASSENGERS ON HIJACKED PLANE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PROBLEM OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, METROPOLITAN POLICE PUBLICLY DISCOUNT SHIGENOBU INTERVIEW REMARKS AS RED ARMY PROPAGANDA. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION BUNSEI SATO SAID THAT GOJ WANTS TO GET COPY OF INTERVIEW FILM FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS. SATO ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE FUTURE HIJACK INCIDENT. HE APPEARED TO BE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY HIS OWN FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL OF EMOTIONS IN MIDEAST DURING RECENT FLIGHT TO DHUBAI AND BEYOND IN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIJACKED PASSENGERS AND PLANE. SHOESMITH

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